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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL FOR A NEWLY EXECUTED ORIGINAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) for:

Inventor(s): John R. Starr, et al.

For: **METHOD FOR SELECTING AN OPTIMAL BALANCE  
BETWEEN DIRECT COST AND A NUMBER OF SUPPLIERS**

1. This is a new ☒ **Utility** ☐ **Design** ☐ **Plant** patent application.
2. The papers enclosed to obtain a filing date are as follows:  

<u>13</u>	Pages of Specification including Title Page
<u>4</u>	Pages of Claims
<u>1</u>	Page of Abstract
<u>4</u>	Sheets of drawings containing <u>4</u> Figures

☐ The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)
3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enclosed and is executed by all inventors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Enclosed.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).  
Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.

4. Language

☒ English

☐ Non-English

This application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(d) and §608.01 of the MPEP. Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the verified English translation and the processing fee.

5. Assignment

☐ An assignment of the invention to FreeMarkets, Inc. and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, as well as a check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the fees are enclosed.

☒ An assignment will be filed at a later date.

6. Priority - foreign applications under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) or PCT international applications under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) designating at least one country other than the U.S.

☐ Priority of the following foreign application(s) is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filed

Certified copy/ies: ☐ is/are attached. ☐ will follow.

7. Priority based on provisional application(s) - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

☐ Priority of the following provisional application(s) is claimed:

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A. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application claims priority of copending provisional application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_."

8. Small entity status

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27.

9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee Utility \$740.00 Design \$330.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	23 - 20 =	3	\$ 18.00 each =	\$54.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	4 - 3 =	1	\$ 84.00 each =	\$ 84.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d))			\$260.00	+
SUB-TOTAL =				\$878.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity				-\$
TOTAL FILING FEE =				\$878.00

10. Fee Payment

☐ Not Enclosed. **NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME.**

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☒ Enclosed.  
Check in the amount \$878.00 (3 extra claims and 1 extra independent claim).

☐ Please withdraw \_\_\_\_\_ from Deposit Account 50-0130.

11. ☒ **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).


12. Additional papers enclosed:

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form PTO-1449, documents included
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

**Please accord this application an application number and filing date.**

Respectfully submitted,

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